



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Kenosha, WI

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Kenosha was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in southeastern Wisconsin, Kenosha (population 95,240) grew as a center for heavy manufacturing companies. Large manufacturers in the area included the automotive, tool production, and metal processing industries. Kenosha's large manufacturing plants permanently closed after the recession of the early 1980s, resulting in significant job losses and the creation of about 20 large and many smaller industrial brownfield sites throughout the community. Kenosha's current per capita income is 15 percent below the national average. Brownfields redevelopment will help revitalize Kenosha's economy as the city continues to move from a manufacturing-based economy to a technology- and service-based economy. Redevelopment is expected to



### Assessment Grant

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of Kenosha for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to develop a community-wide brownfields inventory and prioritize sites for assessment. Grant funds also will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments and support community outreach activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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enhance the tax base, attract new businesses, and create jobs.